



CITY OF SAN BRUNO

Community Services Department

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting August 18, 2021

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Greenberg, Kuhn, Martinucci, Nigel, Zastrow, and Zbriger. Commissioners Excused: Vice Chair Gonzales and Zamattia. Staff Present: Brewer, Clyma, Mottola, and Venezia.

Commissioner Kuhn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **REVIEW OF AGENDA: MSC Martinucci/Nigel.** Accepted 7-0.
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from June 16, 2021. **MSC Zastrow/Nigel.** Accepted 4-0-3.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a. Receive Report Regarding Spring and Summer Programming Recap – **Recreation Coordinator Kelsey Clyma** presented. She covered picnic reservations, classes, leagues, and summer camps. Picnic reservations opened online on May 12, 2021 and in person on July 5, 2021 when the office reopened. The opening of reservations was announced through email blasts, newsletters, social media, and in the activity guide. In-person and virtual programming continued for spring and summer. 46 classes were offered from nine instructors, 31 were online and 15 were in-person, with 158 total participants. Adult softball was able to return this past summer with three leagues and 65 games played with a total of 193 players overall. This was the first time running a co-ed league in over six years. In-person summer camps resumed on June 14th at Parkside and at San Bruno City Park. 100% of the camps this year were contracted programs. 49 camps from ten instructors were offered for a total of nine weeks, three were in-person and nine were virtual, with 700 campers.

Commissioner Nigel stated he thought the programs were terrific especially with the pandemic.

Commissioner Greenberg thanked Kelsey for her presentation. She asked if there were any LITs, enrollment maximums, base line fees, and any indirect or direct exposures of Covid like she had in Junior Giants in which camps needed to shut down. **Coordinator Clyma** stated that since the camps were contracted, the only

City staff were herself and a rec leader. Enrollment numbers were able to increase once the State opened up the maximum. Fees depended on the instructor. They ranged from \$239 to \$350. No camps were shut down due to Covid. **Superintendent Brewer** stated that camps are a little bit more expensive since they are contracted, but a few scholarships were given out to families that still wanted to participate but couldn't afford it. **Director Mottola** commended **Coordinator Clyma** on her diligence with the changing Covid capacity numbers and the standards put in place with **Superintendent Brewer**. Standards were beyond what was required by the State.

Commissioner Martinucci thanked staff for their outstanding job.

Commissioner Zbriger stated he was impressed for the good job done.

Commissioner Kuhn stated that his son loved the soccer camp. He asked about other feedback and how to expand picnic reservation capacity since it was at 100%. **Coordinator Clyma** stated that every week she sent out a survey to the parents. Surveys are given to the instructors so they can see what the parents are experiencing. **Superintendent Brewer** stated a few picnic sites can't be reserved because of construction in the parking lot and recreation center. Not always at capacity, but currently at capacity because of the construction. They are however first come, first serve, but since they are in a construction zone, we don't want to charge for them. Once the Rec Center opens back up, all will be back open. We only rent picnic sites at parks that have restroom facilities. **Director Mottola** stated she will arrange one on ones with the new commissioners to talk generally about the department.

Commissioner Zastrow thanked **Coordinator Clyma** and **Superintendent Brewer** for their amazing job in a difficult time. He asked about online picnic reservations and resident sponsorship. **Coordinator Clyma** stated picnic reservation bookings used to be 100% in-person. People like having this new online option. Most reservations are now done that way. There are resident and non-resident rates and an id is requested to verify residency and age for alcohol permits.

Chair Palmer echoed the comments of his fellow Commissioners. He thanked staff for the quantity and quality of work that is put out by so few folks.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Introduction of Newly Appointed Commissioners – **Chair Palmer** introduced and welcomed Commissioners Thomas Kuhn and Student Representative Adam Zbriger. **Commissioner Kuhn** described himself as a family guy who is making San Bruno his home. Professionally he has been in construction and real estate development for about 15 years. **Commissioner Adam Zbriger** stated he just started his senior year at Capuchino and that he has lived his whole life in San Bruno. He would like to go into astrophysics when he goes to college.

8. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Nigel welcomed the new commissioners and wished them good luck. He stated that this is his 52nd year on the Commission. He stated that he is proud of the fact that he and **Chair Palmer** have finished their 2nd round of park tours. Parks are in great shape thanks to **Parks Manager Venezia** and crew. The dedication and reopening of Lara Field was so well done.

Commissioner Greenberg stated there was a dance party for Father's Day in the

Senior Center parking lot. She said it sounded amazing. The Senior Center opened July 26th. She went in and said it was really good to see the Seniors back. This is one of the most active Senior Centers on the Peninsula. Concerts in the Park have had more people than she has ever seen. She thought the stage by the tennis courts was a very interesting venue. Junior Giants happened this summer. She thanked **Parks Manager Venezia** and crew for having the fields ready. Junior Giants followed **Superintendent Brewer's** guidelines, MLB's guidelines, and the SF Giants' guidelines for Covid and they added a few of their own. They had a few Covid scares. There were 60 kids on the waiting list to get into the program. Out of 90 Junior Giant Leagues, there are only 10 recipients of the Burns Scholarship. Gigi Prasad from San Bruno was one of the recipients. She also received a \$5,000 scholarship. She was the number one pick. Very proud of her – an amazing young lady. **Commission Greenberg** stated she has never seen so many dogs off leash in the parks. She spoke to a few people and they weren't very receptive of moving their dogs from the field of play when kids were there. **Commissioner Nigel** stated that the police have taken the stance that they don't have time to enforce the leash law. They have more important things and will only come out on certain issues now. He stated he isn't sure how this can be addressed. **Commissioner Greenberg** stated that many of Tom Lara's relatives were at the dedication and they were quite pleased.

Commissioner Martinucci can't wait until the Commission can meet in person. She stated that she is excited about the groundbreaking, but can't be at the event next Friday. Exciting times.

Commissioner Zastrow welcomed the new commissioners. He stated he is excited for next Friday's groundbreaking. He thanked **Parks Manager Venezia** and his team for doing an amazing at the parks.

Commissioner Zbriger thanked everyone for the warm welcome and stated that he is really looking forward to working with everyone.

Chair Palmer asked how the Senior Center reopening went. **Superintendent Brewer** stated that it went really smoothly. There is constant mask patrol. Plastic vaccination card holders were given out at the Senior Center. She will bring them to the groundbreaking for the commissioners. They were donated from the Vista Terrace in Belmont. They are remaining diligent so everyone stays safe. **Chair Palmer** announced that the Lara Field parking lot is currently under construction. **Commission Martinucci** added that she was approached about the cost and where the money was coming from. **Director Mottola** stated it is part of the \$50 million PG&E money and it is costing approximately \$1.2 million. **Parks Manager Venezia** stated the fences went up last week and construction started this week. The Parks Department will not need to relocate. In and out access will be allowed for staff. The work should take a couple of months. There is a lot of underground work happening also. **Chair Palmer** thought the Lara Field dedication was absolutely fantastic and really well done. Kudos to the staff. The groundbreaking for the new Recreation and Aquatics Center is next Friday at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Nigel stated that for the last seven years he has been active with the SBCF Scholarship. He is amazed at the applications received and many applicants put down their activity in the Rec Department and the great support and experience they had. Thanks to the staff for affecting so many kids.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Director Mottola stated that she is so excited because the next time she will see the Commission is in person at the groundbreaking on Friday, August 27th at 5:30pm.

Superintendent Brewer announced that the last Concert in the Park will be after the groundbreaking and Movies in the Park start Fridays in September. There will be a space themed movie after the last concert funded through a library grant.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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